

**Service and Information**

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**2009 Sewer and Water Rates****Effective Date: April 1, 2009**

This rate adjustment reflects increases in cost of maintenance of water and sewer facilities as well as escalations in energy, fuel, chemical, and capital projects costs, and related financial costs. Revenue from this rate adjustment will also continue to fund all costs to provide quality drinking water, wastewater disposal and storm water drainage services. All expenses incurred in providing water and sewer services are supported exclusively by revenues generated from water and sewer rates.

For some customer classifications, the minimum charge is affected by the meter size. For all classes that include sewer, the consumption used to determine the appropriate sewer charge is the same as that for water.

**Single - Family Residential Accounts - TU 01, 02, & 03**

Meter Size (Inches)	Consumption (Gallons)	Water Charge	Sewer Charge
5/8" through 3" meters	0 - 1,000	\$3.44	\$6.51
	2,000	\$8.16	
	3,000	\$8.16	
	4,000	\$16.00	\$15.77
	5,000	\$18.95	\$18.72
	6,000	\$21.91	\$3.95 per 1,000 gallons + \$1.14 service fee
	7,000 - 12,000	\$21.91 + \$2.92 per additional 1,000 gallons over 6,000	
	Over 12,000	\$39.43 + \$5.27 per additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000	

Note: The \$1.14 fee will not appear on the bill as a separate line item on the bill.

**EXAMPLES:**

1,000 gallons	\$3.44 Water
(low-user rate)	<b>\$6.51 Sewer</b>
	<b>\$9.95 Total / Month</b>
7,000 gallons	\$24.83 Water
	<b>\$28.79 Sewer (\$1.14 fee included)</b>

	<b>\$53.62 Total / Month</b>
<b>14,000 gallons</b>	<b>\$ 49.97 Water</b>
	<b><u>\$ 56.44 Sewer</u> (\$1.14 fee included)</b>
	<b>\$106.41 Total / Month</b>

#### Multi-Family Accounts - TU 14-19

- **TU 14** (duplex – 2 units)
- **TU 15** (triplex – 3 units)
- **TU 16** (quad-plex – 4 units)
- **TU 17** (master-metered town homes – any number of units)
- **TU 18** (apartments of 5+ units)
- **TU 19** (trailer parks)

<b>Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Consumption (Gallons)</b>	<b>Minimum Water Charge, Based on Meter Size</b>	<b>Sewer Charge</b>
5/8, 3/4	0 - 2,000	\$11.64	\$3.95 per 1,000 gallons +\$1.14 Service Fee
1		\$14.36	
1.5		\$18.72	
2		\$23.21	
3		\$42.90	
4		\$65.07	
6		\$120.84	
8		\$176.49	
	Over 2,000	+ \$2.57 per 1,000 additional gallons, regardless of meter size.	

#### Light Commercial Accounts - TU 21 – 39

<b>Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Minimum Consumption (Gallons)</b>	<b>Water Charge</b>	<b>Sewer Charge</b>
5/8"	0 - 2,000	\$15.31	0 – 2,000 gallons is \$11.13
	3,000	\$15.31	Additional usage is
	Over 3,000	+\$2.92 per 1,000 gallons over 3,000	\$3.96 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000

#### Commercial (1" and Larger Meter Size)- TU 21-60

<b>Meter Size (Inches)</b>	<b>Minimum Consumption (Gallons)</b>	<b>Minimum Water Charge</b>	<b>Sewer Charge</b>
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1	0 - 3,000	\$18.01	For all meter sizes minimum sewer charge is \$13.32 for 2,000 gallons or less.
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$43.01	
2	0 - 16,000	\$65.19	
3	0 - 35,000	\$140.90	
4	0 - 60,000	\$236.76	
6	0 - 125,000	\$484.17	
8	0 - 180,000	\$701.99	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+ \$2.92	Additional usage is \$5.06 per 1,000 gallons over minimum.

### Transient Meter Accounts - TU 71

Meter Size (Inches)	Consumption	Water Rate	Rental Fee per Month
1"	All usage	+\$2.92 per 1,000 gallons	\$15
2"			\$20
3"			\$25

Rental fee has not changed, but the consumption rate has increased. Please refer further questions to 713-641-7979 or 713-641-9550.

### Lawn Meter Accounts - TU 72

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8	0 - 3,000	\$22.38
1	0 - 3,000	\$25.09
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$66.60
2	0 - 16,000	\$102.93
3	0 - 35,000	\$223.44
4	0 - 60,000	\$378.28
6	0 - 125,000	\$778.99
8	0 - 180,000	\$1126.51
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+ \$5.27

Customers may choose to close these accounts in winter, subject to the usual \$5.00 fee for re-opening them. This will avoid minimum charges if there is no consumption. Customers will remain responsible for all charges in any month water passes through the meter, even if the account is closed.

### **Other Classes:**

#### Sewer Only Customer (Metered Water) - TU 61

These customers take their water from Non-City of Houston wells. Rates are set according to the property use, i.e., residential, multi-family, or commercial usage.

### Effluent Accounts - TU 62

Effluent accounts are those that have metered sewer discharge. Any sewer-related questions should be referred to the Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2800, or the customer can email: [pretreatment@cityofhouston.net](mailto:pretreatment@cityofhouston.net)

### Industrial & Remediation - TU 21-39, 63

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption(Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge*	Sewer Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$15.31	For all meter sizes, minimum sewer charge is \$13.37 for 2,000 gallons or less. All usage over 2,000 gallons is \$5.08 per 1,000 additional gallons.  Additional surcharges for industrial waste as mandated by City of Houston Code of Ordinance 47-143 also apply.
1	0 - 3,000	\$18.01	
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$43.01	
2	0 - 16,000	\$65.19	
3	0 - 35,000	\$140.90	
4	0 - 60,000	\$236.76	
6	0 - 125,000	\$484.17	
8	0 - 180,000	\$701.99	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.92	

\*Minimum charge for water if present on account.

Industrial is only a sewer class/rate, but may be considered a sub-type of Commercial. There is no such thing as an "industrial or remedial water rate." Non-remediation accounts (TU 21-39) usually serve a commercial facility, so water rates shown above are a combination of standard commercial and light commercial rates. Remediation accounts (TU 63) are temporary sewer accounts set up during environmental clean-up operations. These never have water charges.

**Additional surcharges for industrial sewer accounts are determined by a special formula.** Any questions on how these are calculated, or regarding prohibited discharges, should be referred to the Wastewater Operations Branch by calling (281) 575-2800 or by emailing [pretreatment@cityofhouston.net](mailto:pretreatment@cityofhouston.net) .

### Resale - TU 73

These customers purchase water from the City of Houston for resale.

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$16.97
1	0 - 3,000	\$19.69
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$48.56
2	0 - 16,000	\$74.05
3	0 - 35,000	\$160.29
4	0 - 60,000	\$270.02

6	0 - 125,000	\$553.45
8	0 - 180,000	\$801.74
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$3.47

#### Emergency Back-Up Service Accounts - TU 74

Questions (other than regarding balances) about these accounts should be referred to (713) 641-7861.

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0	\$6.46
1	0	\$9.18
1.5	0	\$13.53
2	0	\$18.01
3	0	\$37.72
4	0	\$59.88
6	0	\$115.66
8	0	\$171.32
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$4.77

#### Un-Metered Fire Line Service Charge - TU 21 - 60, 75

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8	\$11.78
1	\$11.78
1.5	\$46.88
2	\$69.15
3	\$69.15
4	\$69.15
6	\$77.02
8+	\$84.89

**Charges for un-metered systems:** Un-metered fire lines are charged a flat fee every month, under the provisions of City of Houston Ordinances §47-63 and §47-64. These lines must be equipped with backflow preventers.

#### Metered Fire Line Service Charge Only - TU 21 - 60

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$15.31
1	0 - 3,000	\$18.01

1.5	0 - 10,000	\$43.01
2+	0 - 16,000	\$65.19
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	\$2.92

#### Un-Metered Sewer Only Accounts - TU 81 - 82

Special rates apply to sewer customers who do not receive water from the city of Houston and whose source is not metered. Rates have changed. These are monthly rates, but will continue to be billed on a bi-monthly basis.

Class	Monthly Fee
Single Family Residential	\$17.04
Duplex	\$32.94
Multi-family (3+ units)	\$17.04 per single family unit
Light Commercial	\$37.05 per unit*
Commercial	\$46.36 per unit*
Industrial	\$46.56 per unit*

\*Defined in §47-1002

Contract Water (7099 - Accounts) -TU 91

For questions on these accounts, contact Contract Water at 713-371-1194.